## Message

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To: Chow, Alice [chow.alice@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: EPA OIG Air Toxics RTR/Congressional Request Audit -- Request for Information by August 12th

I'll have something later today.

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**From:** Chow, Alice <chow.alice@epa.gov> **Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2019 9:31 AM **To:** Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: EPA OIG Air Toxics RTR/Congressional Request Audit -- Request for Information by August 12th

Not sure if they want technical meetings but most of my communications are with state and local agencies. The few citizen calls were from Pam Nixon, Maya Nye and a few from Allentown after the article came out and those were redirected to the Northeast Regional Office in PA.

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Subject: EPA OIG Air Toxics RTR/Congressional Request Audit -- Request for Information by August 12th

Cristina,

As you may be aware, EPA-OIG is currently conducting an audit of the agency's air toxics Risk and Technology Review (RTR) process. The notification memo is attached. We have expanded our scope to address recent Congressional requests related to ethylene oxide emissions and risk communication. We understand that the following facilities in Region 3 contribute to elevated cancer risks at the census tract and/or census block level based on modeling conducted by the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) to develop the 2014 NATA:

- B. Braun Med Inc. Allentown (Allentown, PA)
- Union Carbide Corp. South Charleston Facility (South Charleston, WV)
- Union Carbide Corp. Institute (Institute, WV)
- Croda Inc. (New Castle, DE)

As part of our audit, please provide the following by COB August 12, 2019:

- Any communications plan drafted or finalized as of August 2, 2019 to communicate to the public in Region 3 about elevated cancer risks from ethylene oxide emissions, and
- A response to the following questions:
  - Since the release of the 2014 NATA to the public on August 22, 2018, what outreach (e.g., public meetings, webinars, etc.) has Region 3 conducted to inform residents about the elevated cancer risks as a result of ethylene oxide emissions from the above four facilities? If so, please provide the:
    - type of outreach (e.g., public meetings, webinars, etc.) conducted for these residents,
    - date of each outreach,
    - location of each outreach if applicable, and
    - outreach documentation (e.g., sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, briefing materials, etc.).
  - Since the release of the 2014 NATA to the public on August 22, 2018, what outreach (e.g., face-to-face meeting, conference call, etc.) has Region 3 conducted to inform elected officials about the elevated cancer risk of their constituents as a result of ethylene oxide emissions from the above four facilities? If so, please provide the:
    - type of outreach (e.g., face-to-face meeting, conference call, etc.) conducted for these elected officials,
    - date of each outreach,
    - location of each outreach if applicable, and
    - outreach documentation (e.g., sign-in sheets, meeting agenda, briefing materials, etc.).

If there are additional facilities contributing to elevated cancer risks that Region 3 has independently modeled or modeled with assistance from OAQPS, please also provide the name and location of the facilities and information on any outreach (i.e., type of outreach, date of each outreach, location of outreach if applicable, and outreach documentation) conducted by Region 3 for residents and elected officials by COB August 12, 2019.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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